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Goodwill out of touch

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Millennials give elsewhere; old charity model not working

Luke Simcoe
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The sudden collapse of Toronto's Goodwill didn't come as a surprise to local charity watchers, who say the organization's slumping sales and failure to connect with younger donors sounded an alarm years ago.

"The only surprise about Goodwill is that it took five years to go bankrupt," said Kate Bahen, managing director of Charity Intelligence Canada, which performs independent audits of Canadian charities. "The truth is that Goodwill had an old model that just wasn't working anymore."

Charitable giving in Canada is constantly in flux, and charities that fail to adapt — and modernize — could easily face the same fate, Bahen said.

"The younger generation is giving differently," she said, noting millennial donors are more likely to give to environmental groups than traditional churches or religious organizations.

They also want to see where their money is going and expect charities to give detailed information about the impact of their work.

"It's not good enough to be a do-gooder anymore," she said. "People want to support good doers."

Goodwill Toronto had been in operation in for 80 years, but shocked the city — and its 450 employees — by abruptly announcing the closure of its 16 outlets Sunday.

Charity Intelligence warned donors about Goodwill Toronto back in 2012, noting revenue from the sale of donated clothes was not enough to cover operating costs.

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Facing the housing struggle

Evergreen Brick Works exhibit pairs images of families at home with envisioned solutions to affordability issues

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A new photography exhibit at Evergreen Brick Works is putting a human face on Toronto's housing crisis.

Evergreen's City Works wing, along with designer Jay Wall and photographer Nick Kozak teamed up to document the lives of people struggling with a lack of affordable housing in the city.

Whether it's a single mother with no idea where her family will live next month or a hip young couple living in a laneway house, The Many Faces of Housing exhibit puts a personal spin on one of Toronto's most pressing issues.

"One in five families in the GTA lives in a house that's too small, in disrepair or unaffordable," Wall said. "But we don't want to talk about it just in terms of statistics. We wanted to show real people who are experiencing these situations.

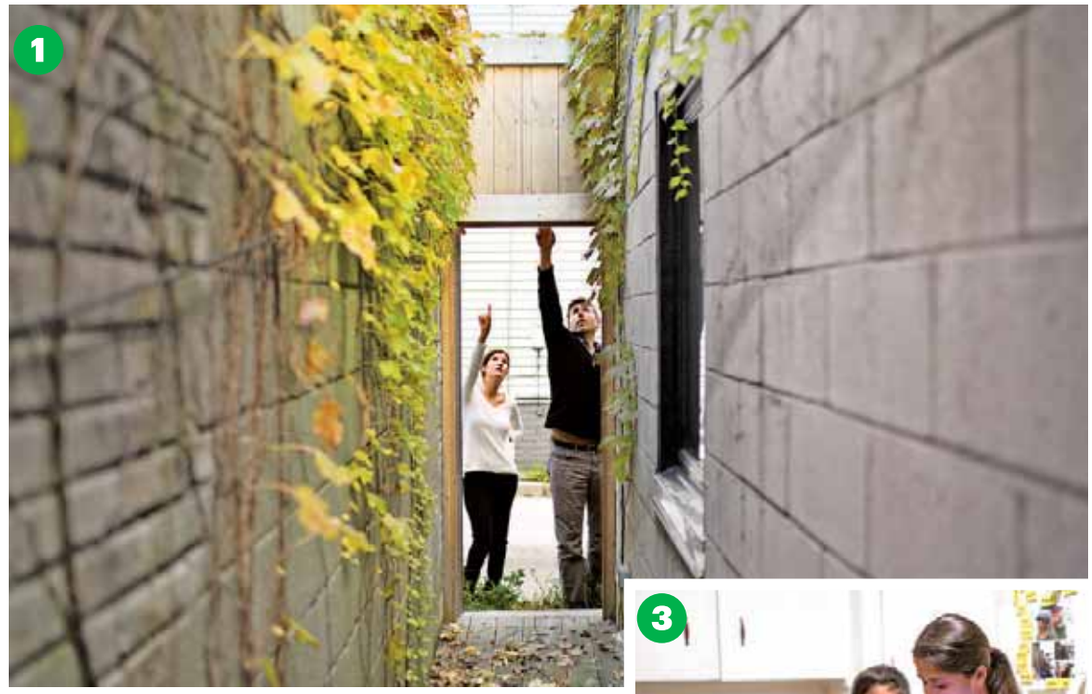
"You react to a number totally differently if it's paired with an image of someone in their home."

Each of the exhibit's nine panels show one of Kozak's photographs — which allude to problems in housing — alongside solutions envisioned by Evergreen's Housing Action Lab.

Some of the fixes include investments in tower renewal or new incentives for developers to build rental units as opposed to condos.

"This is a shared problem. We need to think not only about our own personal housing needs, but also acknowledge the bigger systemic reality," said City Works director Robert Plitt.

Wall hopes that showcasing the human side of the housing crunch will encourage city leaders to fix it. "There are real, workable solutions out there. We just need the political will," he said.



1 Lia and Alex Sharpe ponder some renovations on their east-end laneway home. "Creative infill" like laneway homes is a way to add housing supply in the downtown core, says Evergreen City Works' Housing Action Lab.

2 A lot at 200 Madison Ave. is slated to be converted into affordable housing thanks to the city's new Open Door plan, which offers incentives to developers to build affordable rental units.

3 Priya Jeyasegar bakes cookies with her two sons Maaran and Cheran. The family has temporary housing through a church, but the property is being sold and they're struggling to find an affordable home. Evergreen's Housing Action Lab is proposing a more flexible housing benefit for low-income families like Priya's.

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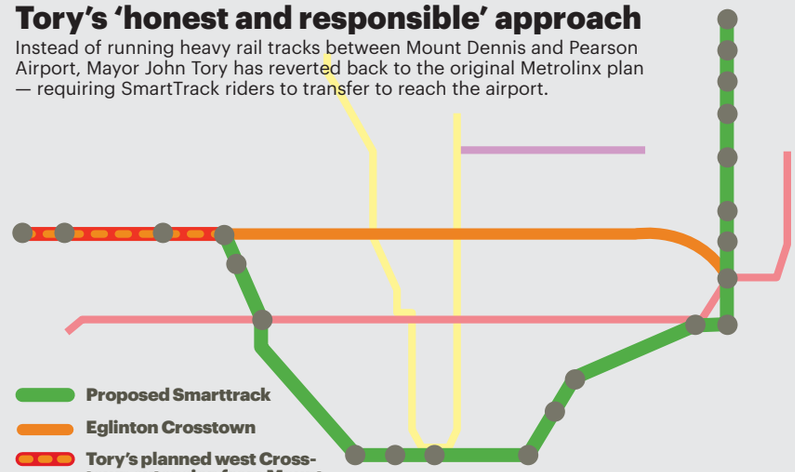
Tory's 'honest and responsible' approach

Instead of running heavy rail tracks between Mount Dennis and Pearson Airport, Mayor John Tory has reverted back to the original Metrolinx plan — requiring SmartTrack riders to transfer to reach the airport.


Proposed Smarttrack
Eglinton Crosstown
Tory's planned west Cross-town extension from Mount Dennis to Pearson Airport

Amendments made to SmartTrack plan

TRANSIT

Mayor scraps heavy-rail line from western leg of track

John Tory's "transformative" transit plan is being transformed by data that shows the original vision of another heavy rail line running from the Kitchener GO tracks to the airport will cost too much and fail to attract significant ridership.

The mayor says he's taking the "honest and responsible" approach by following the transportation experts' advice and dropping the rail spur from his $8-billion SmartTrack plan, following the release of two transit studies Tuesday.

Instead of a seamless GO-train style trip between Mount Dennis and the airport corporate centre, Tory has ceded to the original Metrolinx plan. It would extend the Eglinton Crosstown light rail line west from Mount Dennis, requiring SmartTrack riders to transfer to reach the airport employment hub.

"Because of anticipated costs and lower ridership numbers, I accept that heavy rail is not the best option for the western leg of SmartTrack," Tory told reporters on Tuesday.

LRT would draw more than 105,000 daily transit boardings at a cost of about $1.3 billion. Heavy rail options were estimated to cost up to $7.7 billion but attract, at best, only about 87,000 boardings, according to a joint report from city planners and the University of Toronto Transportation Research Institute.

SmartTrack will still deliver on Tory's campaign promise to connect the three biggest job hubs, downtown, at the airport and in Markham, stressed the mayor. It will also cut road congestion, subway crowding on the Yonge line and improve trip times for city commuters on the Kitchener and Stouffville GO tracks.

"You will not see me digging in my heels and insisting on charging ahead with things that don't make sense, which cost too much or don't provide the most efficient, most effective benefit to our residents," said Tory. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

> **The ridership numbers ... make the case for a more robust version of SmartTrack.** Mayor John Tory

COMMUNITY

Blue Jays investing $500K towards social housing

The Blue Jays are upping their game in Toronto Community Housing.

Through its Jays Care program, the organization announced Tuesday that it will invest $500,000 this year in programs to help children living in social housing. The money will include recruiting an additional 250 children into the Rookie League, an initiative that teaches kids teamwork, builds self-esteem and encourages resiliency. METRO

PRECIOUS CHARBONNEAU

Fetus matches DNA of murdered woman

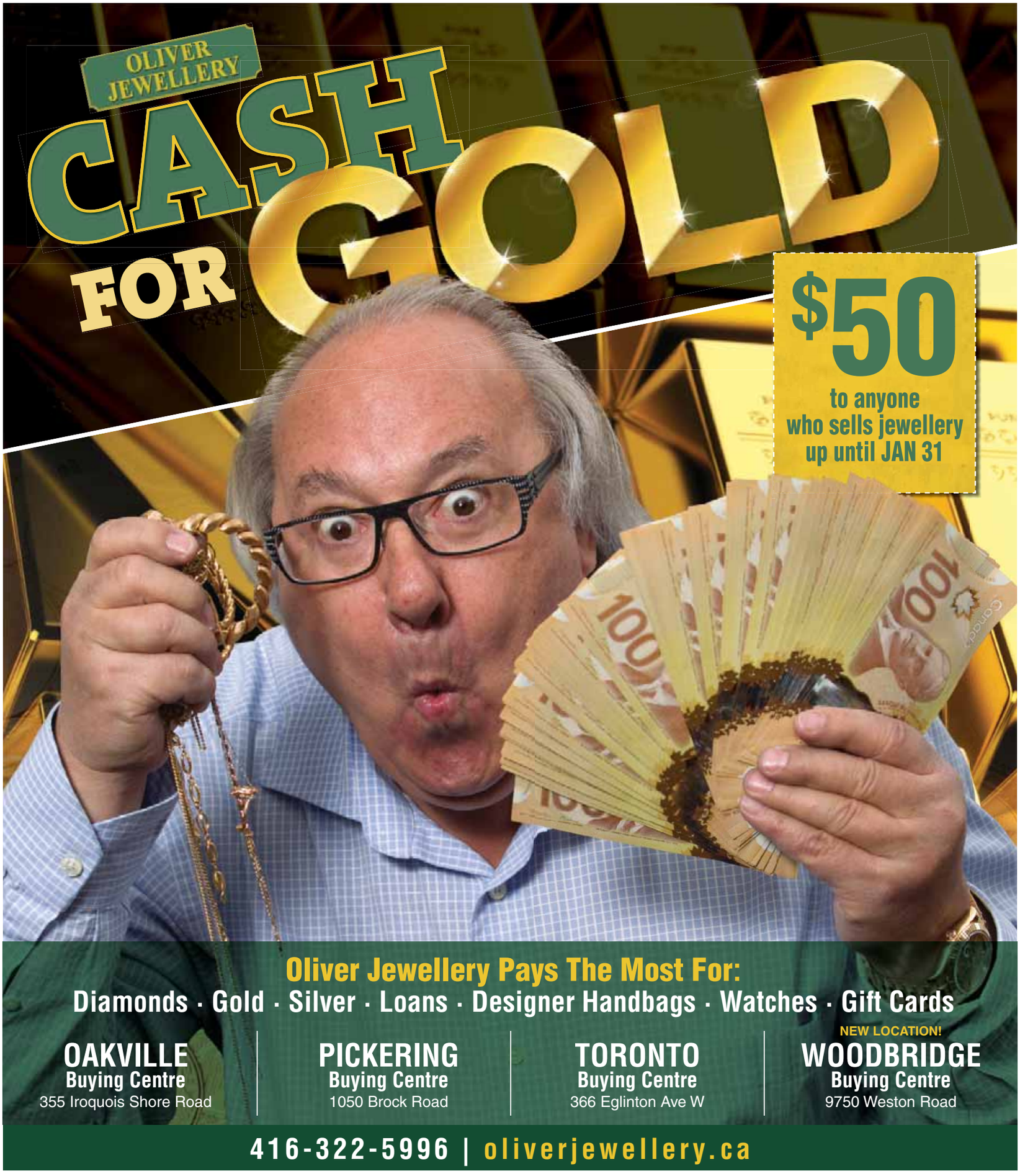
A fetus found at an apartment complex last month matches the DNA of Precious Charbonneau, a pregnant 33-year-old woman who fell 21 storeys from her building after being stabbed by her husband, Toronto police say.

Emergency crews found the bodies of both people at 111 Raglan Ave. at around 6 p.m. on Dec. 20, two days before police discovered the fetus at the residence near Bathurst Street and St. Clair Avenue West.

Charbonneau's husband Robert Giblin, 43, was a decorated air force sergeant who served two Afghanistan tours.

Charbonneau would frequently post adoring public messages to her husband on Facebook. She was also nine weeks pregnant, according to police, and excited to find out her baby's gender.

Toronto police originally said the murder of Charbonneau and the discovery of the fetus were unrelated. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE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GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS

Man seeks record for rending recordings

Andy Martin, right, got a little help from Coun. Norm Kelly this week. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

Andy Martin knows ripping VHS tapes in half with his hands is "ridiculous."

But he's doing it anyway — and not just casually.

Martin, who works in city hall's broadcast centre, wants to set a world record by tearing apart 60 VHS tapes in a minute. He's already applied to Guinness World Records — which has no such record on the books — and has been training hard as he waits for a response to see if his bid will be accepted.

Ripping old-school tapes is something Martin has enjoyed over the past 15 years. Since they ceased to be cool, he's always taken pleasure in shredding a tape or two when he feels frustrated.

Two weeks ago, he launched an introductory YouTube video in hopes of creating some buzz and getting people to send him tapes.

"If you've got a wedding tape and you're divorced, send the tape to me and I'll rip it for you," he said.

There's also a serious side to Martin's effort. In breaking the tapes, he wants to raise awareness about Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, or COPD, a form of lung cancer that killed his father in 2009.

The connection: "For me, VHS tapes are a thing of the past. Smoking should be too."

GILBERT NGABO/METRO

Filmmaker Spike Lee is among those threatening to boycott based on a lack of racial diversity in nominations. GETTY IMAGES

Oscars just a symptom, says expert

DIVERSITY

Fest founder argues fix lies with directors and producers

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

It may not be the academy that's to blame for the #OscarsSoWhite uproar.

The problem of diversity runs much deeper in cinema than a single awards show, said Fabienne Colas, founder of the Toronto Black Film Festival.

"We've been whispering and screaming about it for far too long, and our voices were never heard," she said.

Stars such as director Spike Lee and actor Jada Pinkett Smith have said they'll boycott the awards over a lack of racial diversity in the nominations.

Colas said she shares the "frustration" black actors and other people of colour feel. But, she said, the solution needs to come from producers, directors and even those that provide financial backing. Simply doling out more award nominations to minorities won't bring consistent change.

The success noted in 2014 with 12 Years a Slave — the first film written by a black person to earn the Best Picture nod — didn't even "change the narrative," Colas said.

Her solution: "Give lead roles to people of colour and you'll be bringing diversity into movies."

As for the academy, it's "notorious" for missing notable films and performances, and nominations should be taken with a grain of salt, said Bart Testa, senior lecturer of cinema studies at the University of Toronto.

Nominations are made by Hollywood professionals who are often "pretty damn old," he said.

"They don't know what each other is doing. It's not as if there's an actual political process," he said. "The awards are just fine the way they are. Just don't take them too seriously."

TORONTO BLACK FILM FESTIVAL

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Revamping the Gardiner

Toronto got its first look Tuesday at three options for a revamped Gardiner Expressway, designed to open up more land for development in the east and make the waterfront more visible. The city's also considering a "green Gardiner" proposal that would cover a portion of the road with an elevated park. It's designed to work with any of the three realignment options.

JESSICA SMITH CROSS / METRO TORONTO

Option 1:

This is very close to what was presented to city council last year when the Gardiner's future was being debated. It keeps the Don Valley Parkway ramp close to the waterfront, at Keating Channel.
Pros: Least expensive.
Cons: Limited opportunities for improvements to public space and waterfront development is obstructed by the elevated highway.
Cost: $906 million (plus $339 million lifetime maintenance costs)

Option 2:

This removes the existing Gardiner-DVP ramps and realigns the road farther north, allowing for more development near the waterfront.
Pros: Allows for more improvements to public space, more waterfront development (including on both sides of Queen's Quay) and a promenade along Keating Channel.
Cons: Requires longer construction period than other options.
Cost: $1.01 billion (plus $414 million lifetime maintenance costs)

Option 3:

This removes existing Gardiner-DVP ramps and realigns them father north than all other options. This is what city staff wants to see happen.
Pros: Preferred "from an urban design perspective," it has the same benefits of Option 2, and the most room between the highway and the waterfront.
Cons: Most expensive.
Cost: $1.05 billion (plus $445 million lifetime maintenance costs).

Green Gardiner:

The city suggests this is possible in the long-term.
Pros: Hides much of the expressway from public view, incorporates green space and opens three hectares of property next to Lake Shore Blvd.
Cons: Possible only if Metrolinx agrees to building over its tracks. City staff warn it could cause noise, pollution and block views of the lake because of its height.
Cost: Extra $735 million (in 2013 dollars) over the final cost of the hybrid options, according to the city. However, Cal Brook, Principal of Brook McIlroy, which created the design, says those costs were inflated by staff and don't take into account money that could be made by opening up more city land for development.

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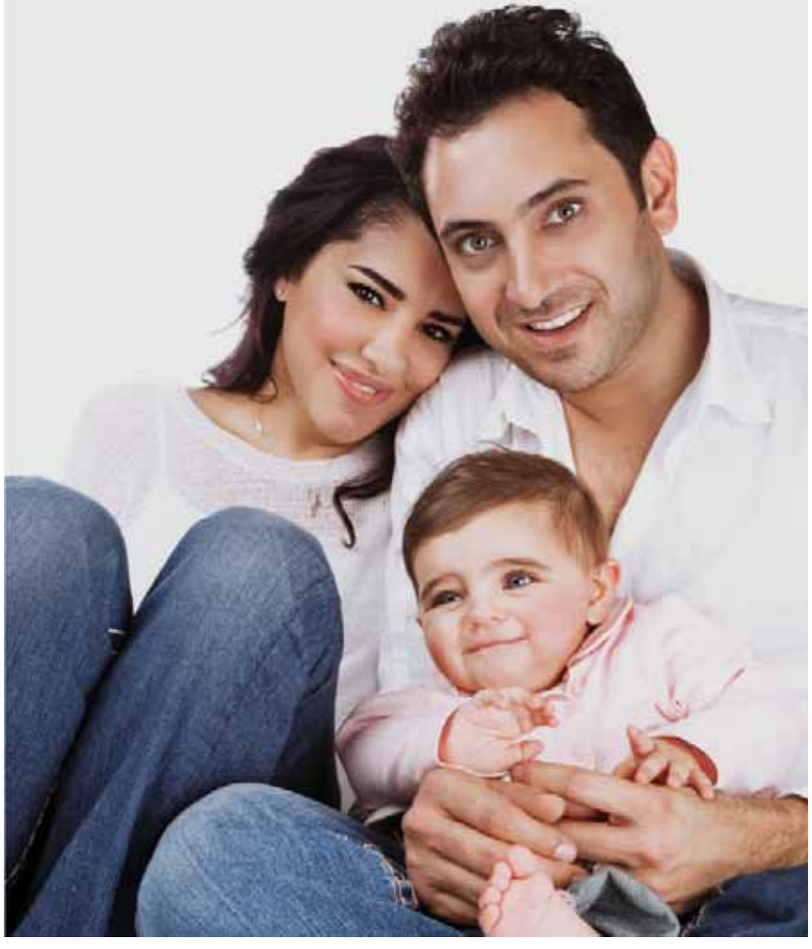

Power Windows a Rush, 30 years on

RETROSPECTIVE

Album cover model says he's 'just having fun with it'

Neill Cunningham, owner of Pandemonium Records, modelled for the cover of Power Windows. CARLOS OSORIO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Whenever Neill Cunningham wants to peer at himself through a 30-year-old portal, he need only pluck Rush's Power Windows off the shelf.

There on the cover of the 1985 concept album is a young Cunningham, posing bare-chested in flimsy white pajama pants, his eyes fixed on the camera. On the back, there's shirtless Cunningham again, gazing through a set of binoculars.

Cunningham was a waiter then and, over the ensuing years, held a variety of jobs: government temp, factory worker, bicycle courier. But in 2000 he opened the Junction book and record store Pandemonium, and just last week received a shipment that whisked him back: a big bundle of the new Power Windows vinyl reissue.

He promptly assembled enough copies to cover the wall behind his counter, a monument to his moment in the limelight.

"How many record store owners get to sell records of themselves?" mused Cunningham, 52. "(The display) is hard to miss. I'm just having fun with it."

Originally, Cunningham became involved with the project by happenstance. His friend Marcus Pearson was working for photographer Dimo Safari, who was crafting the cover for Rush's upcoming record — a transitional, pop-leaning album awash in chilled synths — and was seeking a "skinny blond" punk for the cover.

Cunningham happened to be skinny and blond ("still am") and leapt at the opportunity.

> **I didn't have a lot to say.**
> Neill Cunningham, on meeting members of Rush

"Dimo had been working with Madonna, so I was all excited at the idea I could be on a Madonna cover," he recalled. "When he said, 'Rush,' I was like, 'Yeah, oh, all right. Not bad, either.'"

The shoot was conducted over two arduous nights in Cabbagetown, with the March wind snapping through the open window. Once captured, the photo was painted over by Hugh Syme.

Cunningham's work wasn't finished. When it came time to shoot the vaguely Monopoly-themed music video for lead single The Big Money — a gloriously '80s artifact worth watching for its primitive graphics, Alex Lifeson's powder-blue suit and Neil Peart's majestic braided mullet — Cunningham was again featured.

"There's this terrible mid-'80s special effect of me spiralling in with my binoculars and spiralling out."

One perk was a backstage pass to Rush's 1986 show at Maple Leaf Gardens, where Cunningham gawked at his image plastered 50 feet high. He met the band then for the first and only time. "I didn't have a lot to say," he concedes.

He's become a Rush fan since, and he's certainly passionate about Power Windows.

The album's cover was high-concept, with three TV screens arrayed behind Cunningham's wooden chair. Power Windows won best album graphics at the 1986 Juno Awards, though Cunningham concedes he never really understood the concept.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT

Police buy military-style rifles

The Toronto Police Service has purchased 51 patrol carbines, high-powered rifles that will be distributed to each of the city's 17 police divisions and available to frontline officers.

The force has purchased the C8 patrol carbines — a military style semi-automatic gun — to be paired with the "less lethal" sock-guns currently being sent to each division, Toronto police spokesperson Mark Pugash said Tuesday. The rollout of the weapons will be finished by the end of May.

The plan is to have three so-called sock guns, also known as beanbag guns, and three patrol carbines available in each division, 24 hours a day, in the same car. The sock gun and the rifle, Pugash said, will go "hand in hand."

Pugash said he could not provide the total price tag for the new weapons Tuesday. On average, each gun costs between $2,000 to $3,000. Specialized squads within Toronto police have used the rifles for years.

Darryl Davies, a criminology instructor at Carleton University, said police are now confronting criminals and terrorists wielding high power assault rifles with greater regularity — and their pistols and shotguns are "antiquated weapons" that are no match for an assault rifle.

Robert Gordon, a criminology professor at Simon Fraser University (SFU), said there is insufficient evidence patrol carbines are necessary in Canadian cities.

"Show me that you need this high-power weaponry, which is actually military grade weaponry," said Gordon, who worked as a former police officer in England and Australia.

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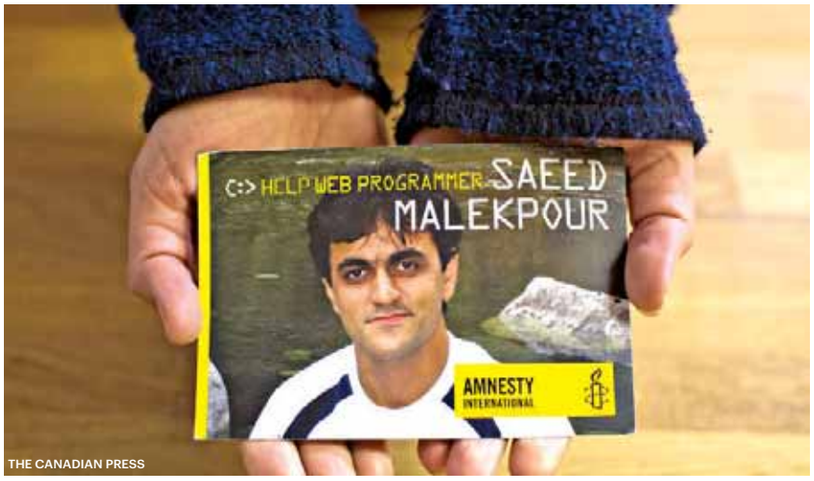

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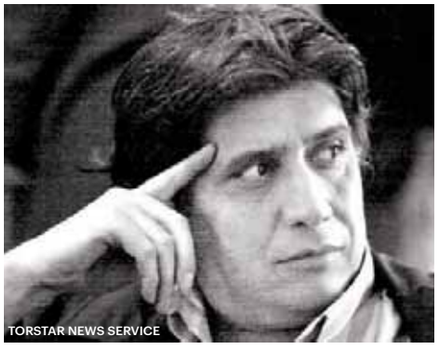
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1 Saeed Malekpour — Iranian-born Malekpour emigrated to Canada in 2004, but on a visit to Tehran in 2008 he was he was arrested on charges of working with a foreign government to subvert the clerical regime with Internet pornography. He is now serving a life sentence in Evin prison.

2 Mostafa Azizi — Azizi emigrated to Toronto from Iran and became a permanent resident in 2010. After returning to Iran to be with his ailing father, he was arrested in early 2015 and sentenced to eight years in prison for "collusion against Iran."

POLITICAL PRISONERS

Time ripe to lift Iran sanctions

When the plane carrying Washington Post reporter Jason Rezaian and two other freed American prisoners touched down in Germany on Saturday, a new page was turned in U.S.- Iran relations.

The prisoners' release, enabled by the diplomatic bond between U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and Iranian Foreign Minister Javad Zarif, also gives new hope to two Canadian permanent residents behind bars in Iran.

Saeed Malekpour, serving a life sentence, and Mostafa Azizi, an eight year term, are also political prisoners. And relatives are awaiting word from the Trudeau government that the chilly relationship between Canada and Iran that grew colder with the severing of diplomatic relations in 2012 will thaw enough to allow a new rapport.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau welcomed the "quiet diplomacy" that led to the Iran nuclear deal.

In his election campaign, Trudeau pledged to reopen the Tehran embassy that was shuttered under the Harper government. But Foreign Minister Stephane Dion said that while it "cannot be done overnight," it would be done "properly in a timely manner."

A more rapid move could be the lifting of Canadian sanctions against Iran. A briefing note written for Trudeau and obtained by The Canadian Press says that Ottawa could lift them "as early as winter 2016 and as late as summer 2016."

Dion suggested the cabinet would make a decision quickly — a move that could give Canadian companies the chance to bid for Iranian contracts that might be snapped up by the U.S.

Whether warming relations would lead to the release of the Canadian prisoners is still in question.

In Canada, where negotiations for prisoner releases have been grounded, the time may now be ripe for a new start, propelled by lifting of sanctions and reopening of the embassy. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

CITIZENSHIP

Widespread panic over email foul

Immigration officials are red-faced in the wake of an email sent in error to 9,000 people demanding payment of their $490 right-of-landing fees.

The email indeed came from Immigration Refugee Citizenship Canada (IRCC) but the problem is the recipients had either already paid the fee and become permanent residents, or in some cases, their immigration applications were nowhere close to being approved.

The foul-up caused panic for those already settled and disappointment for those still in the queue who thought their cases had finally been concluded. While some speculated the computer system had been hacked and applicants' information compromised, the department assured them this was not the case and their information was safe.

> **The question is what we do about the payment now.**
> James Cassidy

Having been caught up for 15 months in the backlog of the Canada Experience Class applications for permanent immigrant status, James Cassidy of Toronto was thrilled when he got an email from immigration at 11:34 a.m. Monday, asking for his landing fee, thinking his application had been approved.

"Obviously, I was delighted and I paid the fee straight away. However, my joy was short-lived." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Group's vision 'unattainable'

SESQUICENTENNIAL

Economic chill ends campaign for national birthday bash

Those loveable movie nitwits Wayne and Garth — who thought any time was an excellent party time — would be crushed.

Organizers of the "Canada 150 Give Back" campaign, an effort by corporate and political leaders to inspire Canadians to celebrate the country's 150th birthday in 2017, announced Monday that economic circumstances have obliged them to pull the plug on the planned national bash.

"Today's economic uncertainty makes our vision unattainable," they said in a note to subscribers. "To protect our supporters from any financial or reputational risk, we have decided to end the movement."

There's no small embarrassment in having to bail out on an effort purported to express gratitude for the nation's bounty. The average Canadian, moreover, will likely find little comfort in seeing some from among the country's elite — corporate CEOs, heads of unions, big-name former politicians — cowed by the economic chill.

"The goal here was to build an epic, unprecedented movement, and there was a lot of interest," said Phil von Finckenstein of Maple Leaf Strategies, the firm that dreamed up the idea.

"But unfortunately economics intervened."

Von Finckenstein told Torstar News Service on Tuesday that "people's budgets were being constrained everywhere, people were getting laid off. You don't then turn around and finance an innovative celebration of the country's birthday, as much as you might love it."

Former Quebec premier Jean Charest, one of a number of "ambassadors to the movement," said when it was announced a year ago that the intention was to have communities organize projects that wouldn't otherwise get done.

Organizers were hoping to replicate the sort of patriotic feeling that swept Canada in the Centennial celebration of 1967, but with citizen-led rather than government-promoted programs. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

> **It's disappointing. We were at it for two years.** Phil von Finckenstein of Maple Leaf Strategies

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Iraqi civilians dying at 'staggering' rate

MIDDLE EAST

Nearly 19,000 were killed over 22-month span: UN report

Iraq witnessed a sharp increase in civilian deaths following the fall of large swaths of territory to the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) in the summer of 2014. Now despite a string of recent battlefield losses for ISIL, civilians in Iraq continue to die at a "staggering" rate, according to a new United Nations report.

At least 18,802 civilians were killed and another 36,245 were wounded in Iraq between the start of 2014 and Oct. 31 of last year, according to the report released Tuesday.

"Despite their steady losses to pro-government forces, the scourge of ISIL continues to kill, maim and displace Iraqi civilians in the thousands," UN envoy Jan Kubis said in a statement.

The numbers are nowhere near the death tolls recorded during Iraq's civil war. In 2006 more than 34,000 civilians were killed, according to UN data.

Civilian casualties since the rise of ISIL in Iraq are considerably higher than the preceding years of relative stability. In 2011, the number of civilian deaths due to violence was at its lowest since the civil war, with fewer than 2,800 killed.

UN human rights chief Zeid Raad al-Hussein said the civilian death toll may be even higher.

"Even the obscene casualty figures fail to accurately reflect exactly how terribly civilians are suffering in Iraq," he said.

The UN report also documented human rights abuses, such as ISIL's conscription of 3,500 people into slavery. Many of those are women and children from the Yazidi religious minority who were taken hostage and forced into sexual slavery in 2014. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

People carry the body of a victim killed in a truck bombing in Jameela market in the predominantly Shiite neighbourhood of Sadr City, Baghdad, Iraq, in August 2015. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

INDIA

Suicide of student triggers protest

Shouting slogans and holding placards on Tuesday, hundreds of students angrily protested the death of an Indian student who, along with four others, was barred from using some facilities at his university in the southern tech-hub of Hyderabad.

Students cry out for redress. TSERING TOPGYAL/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The protesters accused Hyderabad University's vice-chancellor and a federal minister of unfairly demanding punishment for the five lower-caste students after they clashed last year with a group of students supporting the governing Hindu nationalist party.

Police are investigating whether actions by the officials contributed to the 26-year-old doctoral student's death, which they say was a suicide. He had been a member of a group representing Dalits, the lowest caste in India's Hindu caste hierarchy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

ISIL confirms death of 'Jihadi John'

The Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) has acknowledged the death of the masked militant known as "Jihadi John," who appeared in several videos depicting the beheadings of Western hostages, the SITE Intelligence Group said Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Green-thumbed astronaut nurses zinnia to full bloom

The International Space Station now has a bright pop of orange, thanks to commander Scott Kelly's green thumb. Kelly showed off his gardening results — a thriving zinnia with a beautiful orange-yellow bloom — over the weekend. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Postmedia cuts 90 jobs across newspaper chain

PRINT MEDIA

Journalists take to Twitter to announce their layoffs

Postmedia Network Canada Corp., Canada's largest newspaper chain, has begun making dramatic cuts at its media properties — including merging newsroom operations in cities where it has two papers.

In a memo, Paul Godfrey, president and CEO, said the company was eliminating 90 jobs across the chain as part of efforts to cut $80 million in costs by next year.

However, Godfrey made it clear that it would continue to operate the two papers in Ottawa, Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver, though there will be only one newsroom.

"Let me be clear on one very important point — we will continue to operate separate brands in each of these markets. What is changing is how we produce these products," Godfrey said.

Each city will have one newsroom, under one editor.

It also plans to offer a buyout program in the Vancouver and Ottawa newsrooms as part of the one-newsroom initiative.

On Twitter, journalists started announcing their own departures including the National Post's basketball writer Eric Koreen and Edmonton Journal's editor-in-chief Margo Goodhand and managing editor Stephanie Coombs.

Goodhand tweeted: "So sorry to leave that tremendously talented @edmontonjournal newsroom. No regrets."

Coombs tweeted: "Super sad to say as of today, I'm no longer with the @edmontonjournal. It's been a privilege to work there and tell Edmonton's stories."

Last week, when Postmedia, which owns the National Post and the Toronto Sun, reported its latest earnings, executives made it clear that it was accelerating its goal to cut costs as it continues to bleed advertising, print circulation and digital media revenue.

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Multimedia reporter Sam Cooley makes his way to his car after being laid off from the Ottawa Sun on Tuesday. Postmedia is stepping up plans to slash costs amid mounting revenue losses.
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DEPARTURES

Number of jobs lost across Postmedia operations:

- **Edmonton Journal & Edmonton Sun:** 35 combined jobs
- **Calgary Herald & Calgary Sun:** 25 combined jobs
- **Ottawa Citizen & Ottawa Sun:** a total of 12 jobs
- **National Post:** five jobs, mostly in the sports department
- **Saskatoon Star-Phoenix:** one job
- **Windsor Star:** one job

SUN TAKEOVER

Top 6 execs get sunny bonuses

In the midst of its cuts, Postmedia is paying nearly a million dollars in bonuses to executives for their hand in the deal to buy the Sun newspapers.

A total of $925,000 in discretionary bonuses was paid out to its top six executives in the 2015 fiscal year ended in August, according to company documents filed Wednesday.

CEO Paul Godfrey, whose base salary was unchanged at $950,000, received $400,000 in the payout. He was also the only executive to receive a bonus under the short-term incentive plan. The short-term bonus amounted to $118,750, even though the company fell short of its operating profit target used to calculate that bonus structure.

Godfrey's total compensation was $1.76 million, up from $1.42 million the previous year.

Ousted chief operating officer Wayne Parrish received a $150,000 bonus related to the Sun acquisition, plus a $1-million severance package after his termination in July — twice his $475,000 base salary.

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Unstable times, except in the C-suite. metroVIEWS

MEDIA

Broadcaster buys stake in The Onion

The Spanish-language broadcaster Univision is buying a stake in the owner of satirical website The Onion, in what may be considered a serious grab for younger viewers.

"I'm happy to announce that we've just finished a deal with what might at first seem like an unusual partner: Univision," wrote Onion Inc. CEO Mike McAvoy in a memo to employees. He said Univision has acquired "a good chunk" of Onion Inc. and may acquire the remainder down the line.

Once solely comedic enterprises have earned younger audiences who rely on them as a news source. The Pew Research Center found that 12 per cent of Americans cited The Daily Show on Comedy Central as the place where they got their news, with that number skewing heavily toward younger viewers.

While The Onion veers well outside of news boundaries, its preposterous articles regularly involve politics, health care and science. Univision says it sees comedy as crucial in covering news for young people, particularly with the upcoming U.S. presidential election.

There is a scramble by TV networks for younger viewers and their spending dollars. Disney, the owner of ABC, Disney and ESPN, has invested in digital video network Vice; Comcast's NBCUniversal has put money into BuzzFeed and Vox.

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IN BRIEF

Disney recalls onesies
Walt Disney Parks and Resorts are recalling Darth Vader and Disneyland 60th anniversary infant onesies because the snaps can detach and pose a choking hazard. No injuries have been reported. The recall involves 10,000 onesies.
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THE ISSUE

I have two cats. Certain allergic friends show up at my house and, forgetting I have them, request an antihistamine. If you're that allergic, shouldn't you carry a Claritin in your wallet?

Dear Ellen,

I have two cats. Certain allergic friends routinely show up at my house forgetting I have them, and then request an antihistamine. A while back, a friend even brought another friend, whom I didn't know, and the friend of the friend seized up and started pleading for me to find an antihistamine. Sorry, but cats aren't iguanas or tarantulas — it's not that rare for someone to have one. He should keep a bloody Claritin in his wallet if he's that allergic. I spent 10 minutes searching the house for a remedy while my other guests waited to have their cocktails made. Advice?

Victor, Toronto

Dear Victor,

You don't mention whether or not your 10 minutes of searching resulted in finding an antihistamine or not. Should I wonder if, even if you did find one, that you might have pretended otherwise in order to let the allergic friend of the friend suffer? Or even have to leave the party if the symptoms overwhelmed him?

That wouldn't be the best example of good manners, I suppose. But I could certainly understand the impulse. And I say this as a guest who has committed the sin you describe more than once: I know I'm allergic to cats, have forgotten about my host's cats and have then asked said host for an antihistamine on the few occasions I've failed to pack my own.

Guests who come for dinner should come with the attitude that they're lucky to be there at all.

Now that I see it from your point of view, I'm acutely aware of how annoying this must be. To all my cat-owning friends who've so kindly provided me with pills over the years, please accept my sincere apologies!

The point is guests who come for dinner, be they allergic, non-allergic, invited or uninvited, should come with the attitude that they're lucky to be there at all. The only demand any guest may reasonably make is to have access to a washroom with a working door.

Otherwise, their job is to show abject gratitude from the moment they enter bearing a bouquet of flowers, bottle of something nice, and a policy of praising everything you own, say or do — from the cleverly situated salt-encrusted boot tray in your front hall right down to the dusty after-dinner mints you apparently filched from the checkout counter at a family restaurant in 2002.

You as host, meanwhile, have the equally important responsibility of pretending everything your guests say or do is utterly charming: "No, I didn't know you were a vegan — let me whip up a toasted-kale and chickpea loaf for you"; "Don't worry about that old crystal; it's just a wedding gift my great-grandmother smuggled out of Odessa before the revolution. It was bound to break some day hahaha!"

It sounds as if you did play the perfect host in the scenario you describe, Victor, so you don't need etiquette advice. What you do need is practical advice so you can avoid the ill-effects of lasting resentment over rudely allergic guests and your simmering anxiety over failing to get drinks quickly into the hands of your other guests.

You have two choices: 1) Keep some antihistamines on hand, ideally in the spice cupboard between the anise and the Baharat, which you can easily access when an allergic freeloader shows up; 2) Rid your house of all antihistamines so you can truthfully say, "Sorry, I don't have anything on hand, but there's a Shoppers just down the road."

And then start serving those drinks.

Need advice?
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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD
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Dear media execs, when times get tough, the tough take pay cuts

If he has a heart, which some journalists doubt, Paul Godfrey might now be regretting those diamond-studded Sun newspaper cufflinks.

Turns out, they're not such a good look for a job-slashing newspaper CEO.

Yesterday Postmedia announced it's cutting 90 jobs and dramatically changing the local news scene in four cities by merging the newsrooms of its Sun-tabloid and broadsheet papers in Vancouver, Edmonton, Calgary and Ottawa.

As Canadian journalists flocked to Twitter to decry the news, Godfrey's name topped the trending charts, and photos of his executive bling flooded newsfeeds.

To be clear: Newspapers everywhere are in crisis. Print-ad revenue continues to dive, and online ads can't come close to filling the gap.

But the crisis has yet to hit the salaries of Canadian media executives.

Journalists, ad reps and admin staff are the ones bearing the brunt of the industry's beating. Yet the C-suite is still downright lucrative. And the incongruence is galling.

In a memo to staff, Godfrey used pat euphemisms such as "ongoing pressures" and described the cuts as a "transformation." Postmedia's plan to cut $80 million by the end of 2017 "requires looking at everything in a new way," he noted. "Nothing is off the table."

Except, presumably, cutting his own salary.

Postmedia posted a net loss of $4.2 million late last year. At the same time, Godfrey enjoyed a pay raise. He earned $1.76 million in 2015, up from $1.42 million the year before. He and his executive-suite colleagues were handsomely rewarded to the tune of $925,000 for having overseen the acquisition of the Sun chain earlier this year — a deal that made yesterday's "transformation" possible.

Of course, Postmedia isn't the only company with well-paid executives and struggling newspapers. Quebecor paid its CEO nearly $15 million in 2014, the year after it slashed more than 1,000 Sun Media jobs. According to Bloomberg, the total calculated compensation of the CEO of Torstar, which owns this newspaper, the Toronto Star and Metroland papers, was about $3 million in 2014.

(The Globe and Mail is privately held, and isn't required to divulge executive pay.)

Every North American paper is suffering, and obviously it's not because every CEO is bad at her job.

But the least executives can do is show times really are rough, and take a pay cut.

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Best of men's runway

With male models about to walk the runways in Paris and New York, we take a look at the biggest Fall/Winter 2016 fashion and beauty trends straight from Milan. THE CANADIAN PRESS/GETTY IMAGES

Boyish bohemian at Gucci

Creative director Alessandro Michele unpacked a chest full of 1970s memories for his latest Gucci menswear collection. His runway-realized looks reference a happy boyhood, with Sherlock Holmes-style detective capes and caps, Snoopy and Woodstock motifs on T-shirts, a Charlie Brown sweater, and a crinkly Western cowboy shirt with boot-leg jeans.

Grown-up Gucci looks incorporated floral prints, a mainstain of the house, into embellished and embroidered coats and suits, and pyjamas.

Lap of luxury at Fendi

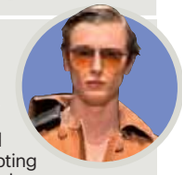
Life is pretty plush at Fendi. A model glided down a carpeted spiral staircase in a soft plaid overcoat-cum-dayrobe with matching trousers to soothing soul music. Think Jack Nicholson playing golf in his robe, one of the references on Silvia Venturini Fendi's mood board backstage.

Fendi's looks were all about cozy comfort, right down to the lush accessories: A parka with yellow fur trim was paired with a large yellow, furry bag. Plaids and checks on jackets, pants and bags created a homey feel, and Fendi boldly paired mohair jackets with matching pants, for a definite Fozzie Bear feel.

Urban formal at Emporio Armani

The Emporio Armani man is urban and sleek. There is no excess, just the essential. Giorgio Armani used new technology to bond materials for his more contemporary line, creating new forms and a futuristic feel. Formal double-breasted jackets were worn with pleated trousers. A shawl jacket with diagonal zipper was paired with athletically cut pants.

BEAUTY



Side part
The go-to look for designers, Prada distinguished itself by opting for a slicked-over do. Philipp Plein exaggerated the look by letting roots show on dyed hair.

Long hair
Many models strutted with long hair breezing out behind them. At Vivienne Westwood the look was bedraggled, while at Calvin Klein models wore their shoulder-length locks with a slick center part.

David Bowie beauty
The most eye-catching looks were at Moncler Gamme Bleu, where models sported camouflage face paint and false lashes. While Vivienne Westwood sent models out wearing vibrant eyeshadow that matched their shirts. AFP

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An apeeling tuna melt

Umami is the super-savory fifth basic taste. Both ubiquitous and elusive, present but often unrecognized, it has the extraordinary ability to enhance individual flavors, transporting dishes to another level. A Japanese word that translates as "savory deliciousness," umami is a universal concept that can be experienced by anyone with a tongue.

Tuna Melt with Banana

Sound nuts? Well you'd be nuts not to try this…

Ingredients

- 2⁄3 cup plus 1 tablespoon canned tuna
- 2 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 1 packed cup plus 1 tablespoon grated/shredded mature/sharp Cheddar cheese
- 2 teaspoons Taste #5 Umami Bomb/Paste Original Recipe [available on Amazon]
- freshly squeezed juice of 1⁄2 lemon
- 2 tablespoons coriander/cilantro, finely chopped
- freshly ground black pepper
- 2 thick slices sourdough bread
- butter
- 1 small red onion, cut in half and finely sliced
- 1 banana, sliced diagonally

Directions

1. Preheat the grill/broiler to the highest setting.

2. In a medium bowl, mix together the tuna, mayonnaise, most of the Cheddar cheese (leaving some to sprinkle on top), Umami Bomb/Paste, lemon juice and coriander/cilantro and season with plenty of freshly ground black pepper.

3. Place a large frying pan/skillet over a medium high heat. Butter one side of each slice of bread and place the bread, buttered-side down, in the pan/skillet. Top with slices of onion and banana.

4. Cook until the bottom of the bread is well toasted. Transfer slices of bread, toasted-side down, to a baking sheet and top with the tuna mixture and a sprinkling of extra Cheddar.

5. Put under the preheated grill/broiler for around 5 minutes until the topping is golden and bubbling.

Serve immediately.

This recipe serves 1.

Laura Santtini CONTRIBUTED

Laura Santtini is a food writer and 'gastropreneur' whose debut cookbook, Easy Tasty Italian won the Best First Book Award at the Guild of Food Writers Awards. A world expert in flavour, her follow-up book Flash Cooking pioneered a new cooking genre. Laura recently stepped into the family business — the Italian restaurant Santini in Belgravia, famed for being Frank Sinatra's favorite restaurant in the capital.

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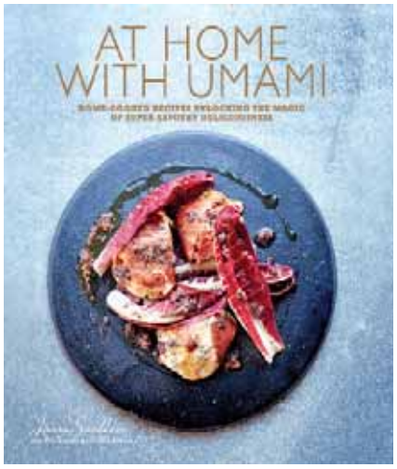
Parmesan cheese — for dessert



Parmesan Ice Cream Sandwiches with Chocolate Balsamic Strawberries

To be tasted at least once in your life…

Ingredients

- 2 cups whipping cream
- 1/2 cup plus 1 tablespoon golden granulated sugar (preferably organic)
- 11/2 cups Parmesan cheese, finely grated

Chocolate balsamic sauce

- 2 tablespoons aged balsamic vinegar (Belazu is good)
- 1/12 oz. 100 per cent pure cacao or 85 per cent cacao dark/bittersweet chocolate

To serve

- 500 g ripe, juicy strawberries, stalks removed and sliced into quarters
- 1 handful of basil leaves, shredded
- 16 of your favourite crackers or plain cookies
- soft whipped cream
- salted caramel popcorn

Directions

1. Bring the cream to the boil with the sugar, stirring constantly.

2. Remove from the heat and add the grated Parmesan cheese, stirring until it melts. Allow to cool.

3. Scrape the mixture into a suitable lidded container and freeze overnight.

4. To make the chocolate balsamic sauce, put the balsamic vinegar and cacao in a bowl and stir until well combined.

5. Toss the strawberries and basil in the chocolate balsamic sauce.

6. Remove the ice cream from the freezer. Using a hot knife cut into squares (or rectangles) slightly smaller than the size of a cracker.

7. Sandwich an ice cream square (or rectangle) between 2 crackers and serve with a large spoonful of chocolate strawberry mixture, a dollop of whipped cream and a sprinkling of salted caramel popcorn

This recipe serves 4.

Excepted from At Home With Umami (Ryland Peters & Small).

SCOTCH

Raise a toast to Mr. Burns

Peter Rockwell
For Metro Canada

Short of the first stanza of Auld Lang Syne I'd be hard pressed to quote a single word Robert Burns ever wrote.

Not that that's ever stopped me from raising a glass to the bard every Jan. 25.

Though scotch, the liquid soul of Burns' native Scotland, is the only acceptable tipple when paying him tribute it can be a pretty polarizing spirit.

The blended variety is the gateway to Scottish whisky with The Famous Grouse ($26.29-$29.95) a mellow starter scotch.

Whisky from powerhouse single malt distilleries Highland Park and The Macallan are part of the blend and that pedigree has helped make it the best-selling scotch in Scotland.

If you're a go big or go home kind of drinker try the Laphroaig 10 Year Old ($75.77-$80.95).

A single malt from the Isle of Islay, it's a fantastic, palate-pounding mix of sea spray, peat and iodine.

If that sounds as appetizing as a mouthful of haggis, you'll be surprised how quickly you'll grow to appreciate its "unique" personality.

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Peanuts and chips can be addicting, as we never eat only a handful. We often seek out these munchies while watching TV, sitting at our computer or socializing at a party — all which leads to mindless eating. When you're throwing snacks back by the handful, you're also devouring tons of calories, fat and salt. Nuts may be heart-healthy but they're not hip healthy! Opt for tasty vegetable chips. Moderation is key.

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BOOKS

Caitlyn Jenner book deal
Grand Central Publishing announced plans for the spring 2017 publication of Caitlyn Jenner's memoir, co-written by Friday Night Lights author Buzz Bissinger, who wrote a Vanity Fair cover story about Jenner. According to Grand Central, the memoir will follow Jenner's life "from Bruce to Caitlyn, and her brave transition into womanhood." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LITERATURE

Giller Prize jury includes author Hill

The Book of Negroes author Lawrence Hill has been selected to chair this year's Scotiabank Giller Prize.

The homegrown literary award announced two other Canadians will be on its five-member jury — New Republic senior editor Jeet Heer, and former Giller finalist Kathleen Winter, who was nominated for Annabel — as part of the lineup.

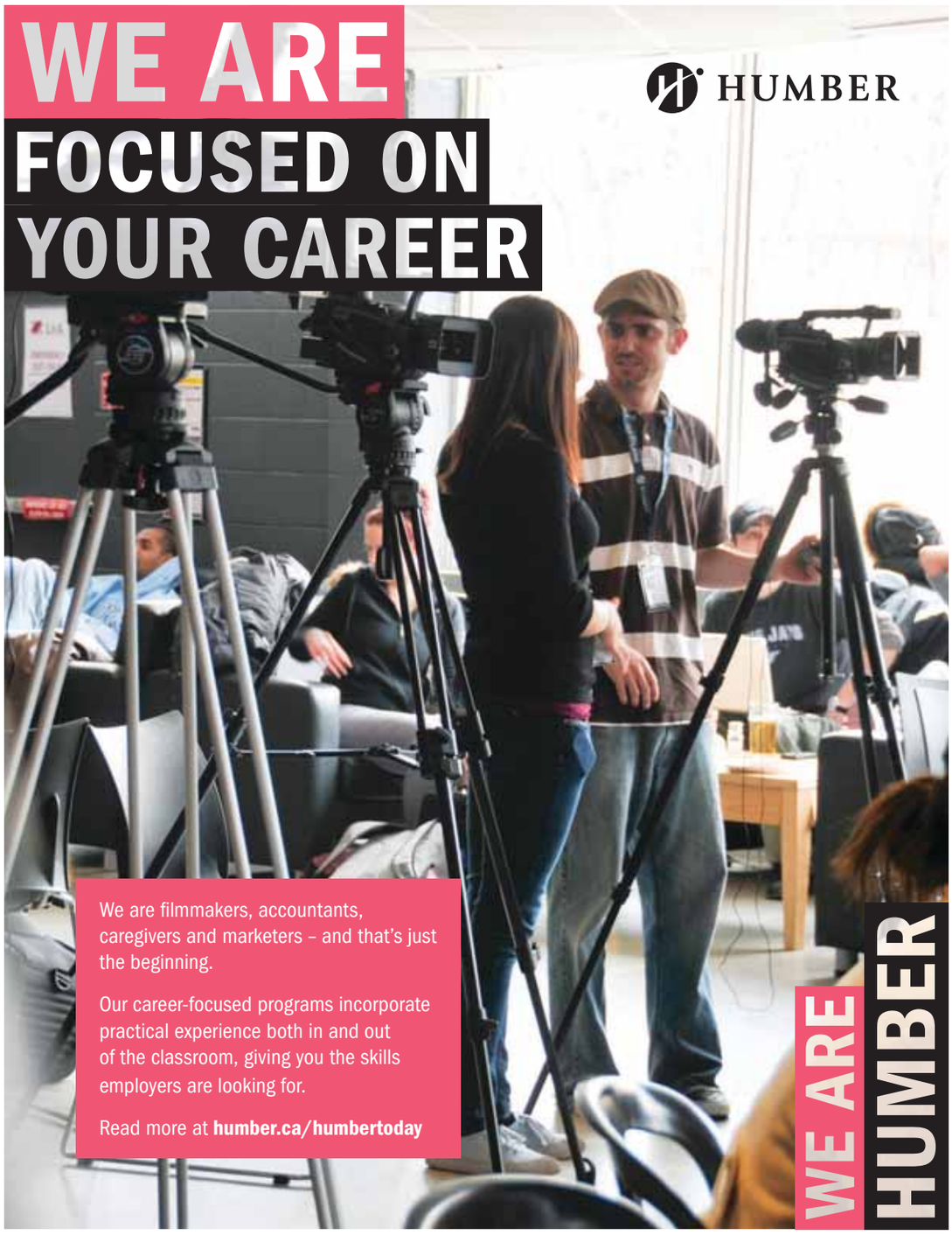
British author Samantha Harvey, who was previously nominated for the Orange Prize and the Man Booker Prize, and Alan Warner, the Scottish writer of eight novels including The Stars in the Bright Sky, round out the list. Together the jury will pick this year's winner of the best Canadian novel or short story collection published in English.

The long list of Giller contenders will be revealed on Sept. 6, while the short list will be unveiled on Sept. 26. An awards gala will be held at Toronto's Ritz-Carlton on Nov. 8.

The Giller Prize, founded in 1994, is named after the late literary journalist Doris Giller. The winning author receives $100,000 while the other finalists will get $10,000.

Last year, the Giller Prize expanded its jury from three to five members for the first time in its history. Organizers said they hoped the move would bring lively debate to the deliberations.

Hill's Book of Negroes was longlisted for the Giller Prize in 2007. THE CANADIAN PRESS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Brie Larson and Jacob Tremblay star in Room, which leads the Canadian Screen Awards with 11 nominations. HANDOUT

Nominees announced for CSAs

AWARDS

Oscar-hopefuls lead pack with most nominations

The Canadian Screen Awards will have some Oscar-style glamour this year.

Room, the chilling story of a young mother and five-year-old young son held in captivity by her kidnapper, leads the CSA pack with 11 nominations, including nods for Best Motion Picture, Best Director (Lenny Abrahamson) Best Actress for Brie Larson, Best Actor for Canadian Jacob Tremblay and Best Supporting Actress for Joan Allen. The Irish-Canadian production, winner of the 2015 TIFF People's Choice Award, has four Oscar nominations.

Triple Oscar nominee Brooklyn, also an Irish-Canadian co-production, is up for three CSAs, including Best Motion Picture, although star Saoirse Ronan was overlooked.

It's too early to say which stars will be seen on the red carpet or at the CSA gala, hosted by comedian Norm Macdonald at the Sony Centre and telecast on CBC on March 13.

Past CSA host Martin Short will receive a lifetime achievement award at the awards evening.

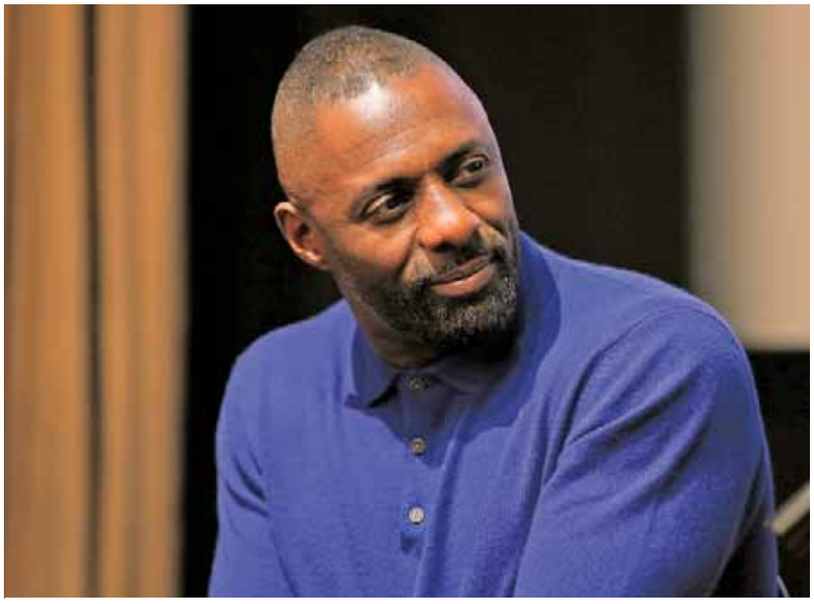
Martin Katz, chair of the Academy of Canadian Cinema & Television, pointed out there were 21 Oscar nominations for Canadians this year, helping make it a "record-breaking year" for homegrown film.

For the first time there are 10 Best Motion Picture nominees, including Corbo, The Demons (Les Démons), Felix and Meira, The Forbidden Room, My Internship in Canada, Our Loved Ones (Les êtres chers), Remember and Sleeping Giant, as well as Room and Brooklyn.

On the TV side, comedy Schitt's Creek led with 14 nominations (plus one Digital Media nomination). Father-son team Eugene Levy and Dan Levy are both up for Best Performance by an Actor in a comedic role, with Annie Murphy and Catherine O'Hara both nominated for Best Performance by an Actress in a Comedy.

Orphan Black has 13 nominations, including Best Actress for star Tatiana Maslany. Police drama 19-2 and comedy Mr. D had 12 nominations, with 11 nods for series The Book of Negroes (plus one Digital Media nomination).

Paul Gross-directed Afghan war drama Hyena Road earned eight nominations on the film side, with seven for Our Loved Ones (Les êtres chers) and five each for Endorphine, Felix and Meira (Félix et Meira) and Forsaken. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



In London, Idris Elba told an audience in Parliament that British broadcasting needed to overhaul its approach to diversity. GETTY IMAGES

Protests prompt promise of diversity

ACADEMY AWARDS

Oscars boss promises review of its membership

Amid calls for a boycott of the Academy Awards over its all-white acting nominees, the academy's president said it was time for major changes, even as British actor Idris Elba called for an overhaul in diversity policies.

Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences President Cheryl Boone Isaacs issued a statement promising more diversity, and quickly, after both Spike Lee and Jada Pinkett-Smith spoke out on Monday.

In London, Elba told an audience at Parliament that a lack of diversity in films and television is not just an American problem.

Elba, the London-born star of The Wire and Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom said Britain was successful, diverse and multicultural — but "you wouldn't know it if you turned on the TV."

In a speech Monday, Elba said British broadcasting needed to overhaul the way it worked, asking questions such as: "Are black people normally playing petty criminals? Are women always the love interest or talking about men? Are gay people always stereotyped? Are disabled people ever seen at all?"

Critics have praised Elba's performance turn as an African warlord in Beasts of No Nation, but he did not receive an Oscar nomination

Hollywood's Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences is facing boycott calls and promising change after nominating an all-white roster of performers for the Oscars for the second year running. Last year's all-white acting nominees also drew calls for a boycott, though not from such prominent individuals.

Isaacs has made a point of presenting a more inclusive show this year. The Feb. 28 broadcast will be hosted by Chris Rock and produced by Django Unchained producer Reginald Hudlin and David Hill.

The academy didn't respond to messages left Monday.

When Oscar nominations were announced Thursday, Isaacs acknowledged she was "disappointed" that all 20 acting nominees were again white and promised to "continue the conversation" on diversity. Isaacs has worked to diversify membership for the academy, which a 2012 study by the Los Angeles Times found is overwhelming white and male.

But on Monday, Isaacs was more explicit and promised an examination of the academy and a more intense drive to diversify.

"This is a difficult but important conversation, and it's time for big changes," she said in a statement released Monday night. "The Academy is taking dramatic steps to alter the makeup of our membership. In the coming days and weeks we will conduct a review of our membership recruitment in order to bring about much-needed diversity in our 2016 class and beyond."

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Academy president Cheryl Boone Isaacs

COOL CANADA

Canadian Screen Awards boast diverse nominees

Canadian performers are touting a much more diverse slate of nominees for this country's biggest film and television awards.

Film actors nominated for Canadian Screen Awards include Waris Ahluwalia and Balinder Johal for Beeba Boys, and Irdens Exantus for My Internship in Canada.

On the TV side, acting nominations include Adrian Holmes for Bravo's 19-2; Al Mukadam for Spun Out; Brittany LeBorgne for Mohawk Girls; and Lyriq Bent, Aunjanue Ellis and Shailyn Pierre-Dixon for Book of Negroes. THE CANADIAN PRESS

JOHANNA SCHNELLER **WHAT I'M WATCHING**

Denis Leary's knack for writing banter

THE SHOW: Sirens, Season 1, Episode 1 (Crave)
THE MOMENT: The first conversation

Sirens follows some fast talking Chicago EMTs. CONTRIBUTED

Three Chicago EMTs are speeding to hospital. The driver is Johnny (Michael Mosley), whose cop girlfriend has a hot male partner. Attending to the victim is Hank (Kevin Daniels). The new guy is Brian (Kevin Bigley). Their conversation is lightning fast.

Johnny: She wouldn't say that if she didn't still care about me.
Hank: Alternate theory — she wants into Denzel's pants.
Brian: I think his name is Danny.
Hank: Denzel to me. Hot Mo Better Blues Denzel. (*to Brian*) I'm gay, by the way.
Brian tries to be cool.
Brian: You know who I think is a good-looking guy? Tim Tebow.
Hank: Who's your ICE (in case of emergency contact), Brian?
Brian: My mom. Well, she lives right upstairs.
Johnny: You got a girlfriend?
Brian: We broke up. She got clingy.
Hank: Your girlfriend's clingy. Tim Tebow is handsome. I got a better shot at p— tonight, and all I'm thinking about is Denzel's lips.
Johnny: Can we stop calling him Denzel?

I knew nothing about this show (USA cancelled it last April), but this is love at first sight. Isn't that a thrill — when you know instantly you're in expert hands?

Denis Leary co-created Sirens, and like his previous series, the excellent Rescue Me, it shines brightest when characters give each other s—. Leary has a genius ear for how funny people talk.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

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If you're in it for the heavy haul

REVIEW

Canyon a great choice for those with oversized needs

Jil McIntosh
For Metro Canada

Up until now, full-size trucks have been the primary home for diesel engines. But for 2016, GM's midsize GMC Canyon, and its mechanical-twin Chevrolet Colorado, also add diesel power to the portfolio.

It's a four-cylinder with a displacement of just 2.8 litres. But while the Canyon's available 3.6-litre V6 engine makes 269 lb.-ft. of torque, the low-end power that's important on trucks, this little diesel churns out 369 lb.-ft.

It gives this midsize a maximum towing capacity of up to 7,600 lbs. (3,447 kg), an extra 600 lbs. over the V6's top ability.

Given its more manageable footprint over the full-size GMC Sierra, the Canyon could be a good choice for tradespeople who need to haul loads into the city core, or easier parking for those who regularly tow boats or campers.

The diesel's better fuel economy is also a bonus, but you'll need to drive it a lot before you begin to see the savings.

The engine is a $4,390 option, and only available on the two highest SLE and SLT trims levels. It comes in 4x2 or 4x4 configuration, but can only be added to Crew Cab models, not to Extended Cab.

It's a great engine to drive, especially in combination with the Canyon's well-weighted steering and smooth handling, and while its diesel rumble is noticeable, I like its sound.

It's hooked exclusively to a six-speed automatic transmission and includes an integrated exhaust brake that helps to slow the truck down on deceleration, a great feature when you're towing.

The Canyon's interior looks like a scaled-down version of the full-size GMC, with easy-to-use controls, comfortable front seats, and rear seats that flip up for access to covered storage cubbies below.

> **The Canyon could be a good choice for tradespeople who need to haul loads into the city core.**

You can kit it out with a number of higher-end options, including navigation, forward collision alert, and heated leather seats.

Although I've listed competitors, all of them are gasoline-only.

For now, GM's twins are the only midsize trucks available with diesel. It's not an engine for everyone, but for those who work their trucks hard, it could potentially be the perfect choice.

THE CHECKLIST | 2016 GMC CANYON

THE BASICS

Type. Four-door, midsize pickup truck
Power. 2.8-litre four-cylinder diesel (181/369)
Transmission. Six-speed automatic
Price. $31,360 (base SLE); $47,690 (tested), plus destination

COOL FEATURES

- Duralife long-life brake rotors
- Bed-access step in the bumper end
- Available factory spray-in bedliner
- Easy-lift locking tailgate
- Apple CarPlay smartphone connectivity
- Available lane departure warning
- In-vehicle WiFi hot spot

2016 GMC CANYON PHOTOS: JIL MCINTOSH FOR METRO; ALL OTHERS HANDOUT

POINTS

- As with other diesels, it requires diesel exhaust fluid to control emissions.
- It won the midsize category at the Canadian Truck King Challenge last fall.
- The exhaust brake operates automatically depending on speed and incline.
- It can run on biodiesel, if you can find a station that carries it.

MARKET POSITION

- The diesel scandal has affected cars, but it's still a popular choice for pickup trucks. If enough buyers get past the Canyon engine's high buy-in, you might see other manufacturers offering it in smaller trucks as well.

THE COMPETITION

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U.S. to speed self-driving cars

INVESTMENTS

Obama administration pledges $4 billion

The U.S. administration recently promised to help clear the way for autonomous vehicles with an investment of $4 billion to fund research and testing projects.

U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx made the announcement in Detroit, flanked by executives from Google and auto manufacturers General Motors, Ford Motor Co., Volvo, Fiat Chrysler and Honda.

"Much needs to be done to create the transportation system of the 21st century," Foxx said at the North American International Auto Show.

He said the Obama administration plans to ask for funding to speed up the introduction and use of autonomous vehicles, saying it would help reduce the congestion and improve road safety.

The initiative also aims to improve the U.S. transportation system and vehicle-to-vehicle communications technology which helps cars avoid obstacles and accidents through better awareness of the surrounding environment.

"We are on course for a future where congestion will only get worse," said Foxx.

Foxx said that because most accidents are caused by human error, autonomous vehicles can eliminate many road fatalities.

"By my simple math, that means that autonomous cars could have saved 25,000 lives last year," he said.

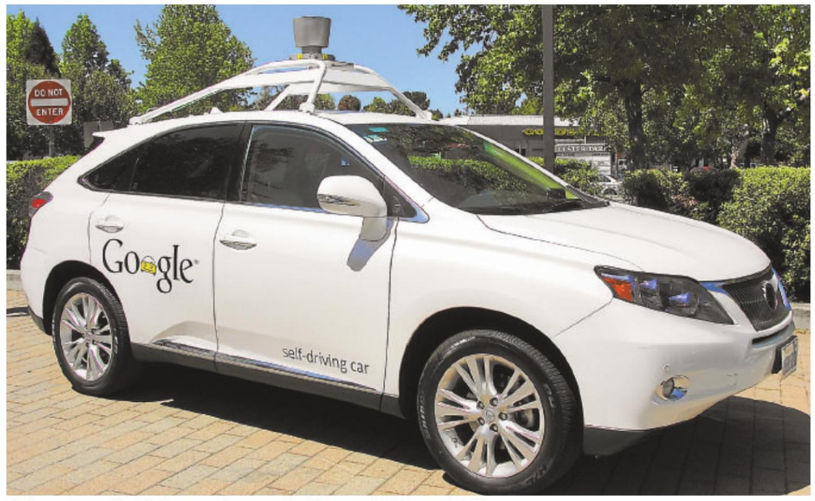
The agency is proposing that some funds be made available to local governments to develop the kind of infrastructure needed to increase the effectiveness of vehicle-to-vehicle communication. Such an infrastructure can give drivers up-to-the-minute information on traffic conditions, or even automatically stop a vehicle short of crash by automatically applying brakes.

Foxx said DOT will propose rule changes over the next six months that will make it easier for car makers to install autonomous driving features in their vehicles.

John Krafcik, who heads Google Cars, welcomed the effort, saying that to implement these changes "you need to have a clear path and guard rails and DOT is offering to provide that."

Mark Reuss, GM executive vice president for vehicle development, said he believes the initiative will help automakers as they move into an area where the technology is evolving rapidly.

GM, Ford Motor Co, Honda, Toyota, Mercedes-Benz, Audi, BMW, Toyota, Nissan and Hyundai have and all said they are actively working on autonomous driving, and have unveiled features such as automatic braking and automated steering that allow the driver to let go of the steering wheel. AFP



A Google self-driving car is seen in Mountain View, Calif. ©GLENN CHAPMAN/AFP

> **Autonomous cars could have saved 25,000 lives last year.**
> Anthony Foxx, U.S. Transportation Secretary

IN BRIEF

Google Maps adds Driving Mode

A new feature added to the latest revision of Google Maps can work out where drivers are going without being told.

The Driving Mode feature means that users can head out on their errands, and the Google Maps app will soon provide the relevant traffic and routefinding info automatically. That's because Driving Mode refers back to location history and web search data to make a best guess as to where drivers are going. AFP

Uber subsidiary fined $7.6M in California

The California Public Utilities Commission on Thursday hit an Uber subsidiary with a $7.6 million fine for failing to comply with reporting requirements fully and in a timely manner.

Information sought by the commission included whether requests for rides got similar responses regardless of neighbourhood and whether people with disabilities are able to access Uber vehicles, a press release said. AFP

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GMC's new Acadia SUV weighs 318 kg less than this 2013 version it replaces. Using lighter materials is one way car companies can reduce their carbon footprint. ©CHICAGO AUTO SHOW

Cheap gas testing environmental push

AUTOMAKERS

Achieving gains more challenging for industry

Beneath the hoods of the cars showing in Detroit this week lie engines that are as powerful as ever, but are smaller and, helped by direct injection, guzzle less gas.

Automakers have subbed out stainless steel for aluminum and other lighter-weight materials, and added more gears to let engines run in "sweet spot" mode more often, so that their cars and trucks can save money on fuel and emit less climate-harming pollutants. But with gasoline prices now nearly half of what they were just two years ago, the question is, do consumers care?

Under pressure from government regulation, fuel economy in U.S. cars has risen 26 per cent since 2004. Yet there are signs of flagging progress. Data from the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute suggest fuel economy fell in 2015, with a significant drop in the last months of the year. With gasoline prices so low, customers appear less pressured to buy more fuel-efficient cars, not to mention electrics and hybrids.

> **You hear a lot of noise about demand for hybrids not being so big.**
> John Mendel, Honda

"You hear a lot of noise about demand for hybrids not being so big," Honda executive vice president John Mendel said at a launch Monday of its Ridgeline pickup truck. "When (gasoline) was four or five bucks a gallon, everybody was clamoring for anything — a hybrid, ... something to take the sting out."

Government pressure since the late 2000s to improve fuel consumption has spurred the gains. Compliance is determined on gains of individual models and also whether the average efficiency of an automaker's overall fleet is improving enough. Trucks and SUVs, for example, are not expected to get the same mileage as sedans and subcompacts, only to improve their mileage each year. But with trucks and SUVS now dominating sales, automakers have to keep improving the performance of those vehicles.

Achieving gains has become more difficult now that the easiest changes — the "low-hanging fruit" — have been implemented, said Wade Newton of the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers.

Others say there is still lots of potential.

"There's lots of room to get efficiency from these engines before we get rid of the internal-combustion engine," said General Motors executive vice president Mark Reuss. AFP

DETROIT AUTO SHOW

Green is the theme this year

One of the major themes at this year's Detroit Auto Show was greater environmental responsibility, whether via hybrids, plug-in electric or fuel cell.

"We believe Mirai and hydrogen fuel cell technology represents the future of sustainable transportation," said Jim Lentz, Toyota North America CEO.

Toyota is even inviting other companies to use its patents.

"We hope sharing this technology with the auto industry will bring us closer to achieving a future hydrogen society helping us to improve lives for generations to come," continued Lentz.

For its show car, Audi unveiled a hydrogen powered crossover, the h-tron Quattro, and Mercedes and BMW have also indicated their desire to explore the technology, but for the moment, hybrids are key.

"The BMW i3 is the world's third-best-selling pure electric car," said BMW board member Dr. Ian Robertson (HonDSc).

"We are transferring our knowledge from BMW i and will electrify the whole fleet. This year we'll add several new models as plug-in hybrid versions, including the BMW 3 and 7 Series." AFP

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Mini races out a new convertible

TOKYO MOTOR SHOW

John Cooper Works edition takes it up a notch

Just three months after the standard convertible's unveiling at the Tokyo Motor Show, the hot John Cooper Works edition is already racing on to the scene.

Announced on Friday, the new car keeps everything that is good about the latest cabriolet — a roomier, higher quality cabin, a sturdier chassis and a more focused driving experience — and turns the dial up noticeably.

But that doesn't mean that Mini has tightened a few bolts or tweaked the standard car's existing powerplant. The John Cooper Works edition gets its own special TwinPower turbo two-litre four-cylinder unit. This offers 231bhp — that's 39hp more than any other current soft-top Mini can offer and 20hp more than the last generation John Cooper Works model could serve up. That extra power is channelled to the front wheels and, if it's via the optional Steptronic transmission, will deliver a 0-100km/h time of 6.5 seconds.

With the standard manual transmission the car's 0.1 seconds slower to that mark but can hit a 242km/h top speed.

But Minis in general, and John Cooper models in particular, are about the all-round driving sensation. So to ensure this car feels as planted and as responsive as a go-kart, it's got Brembo brakes as standard plus speed-sensitive steering support to firm up or loosen the wheel. AFP

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EURO NCAP

Volvo XC90 wins safest car award

Euro NCAP has named the Volvo's large XC90 off-roader the best performing vehicle of 2015 to undergo its raft of safety tests.

The crossover luxury SUV has become well known for its glut of safety mechanisms.

Its overall design and construction have resulted in a 97 per cent rating for adult occupants and a 100 per cent rating for its safety assist features.

Typically, crash test vehicles are driven into non-deformable or semi-deformable blocks at pre-defined speeds in order to determine the levels of safety offered to drivers and passengers; test assessments do not typically evaluate the impact of a crash on other road users.

As well as winning the overall performance award, the XC90 also scooped the Large Off-Road category.

Other category winners included the Mercedes-Benz GLC (Small Off-Road), the Jaguar XE (Large Family), Infiniti Q30 (Small Family), Honda Jazz (Supermini), VW Touran (Small MPV), and Ford Galaxy / S-MAX (Large MPV.)

None of the tested roadsters achieved a five-star rating, leaving the Mazda MX-5 to collect best in class thanks to a four-star grade.

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Volvo XC90 luxury SUV crossover has been engineered for its occupants' safety. ©VOLVO

IN BRIEF

Opel begins GT Concept slow tease

Car manufacturer Opel has started a slow tease of its next concept car, and one which the German company says is an expansion on its sculptural design philosophy.

The GT Concept will help motorists view the brand with "fresh eyes," according to CEO Karl-Thomas Neumann, who also appears in a trailer for the car model.

The two-seater Opel GT was introduced in 1965, entered production in 1968, and was redesigned as a roadster in 2007.

A full reveal is expected at the Geneva Motor Show, March 3 to 13, while a second trailer has been promised for today.

Cars manufactured by the General Motors subsidiary are also sold as Vauxhall in the U.K., Holden in Australia and New Zealand, and under the Buick marque in North America, Mexico and China.

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AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Murray calls ATP ads 'hypocritical'

Andy Murray finds it "hypocritical" that tennis authorities are trying to stamp out match-fixing run by gambling syndicates but have partnered with a major gambling company that is now advertising on the Australian Open's show courts.

Andy Murray GETTY IMAGES

The issues have collided at this year's Australian Open, where tennis was overshadowed for a second day Tuesday by allegations that match-fixing has gone unchecked in tennis.

Murray said the sport was sending mixed messages by allowing betting company William Hill to become one of the Australian Open's sponsor's this year and advertise on the tournament's three main show courts.

"I'm not really pro that," Murray, a four-time finalist in Melbourne said Tuesday, after advancing to the second round.

"I think it's a little bit hypocritical," Murray added. "You know, because I don't believe the players are allowed to be sponsored by betting companies, but the tournaments are. I don't really understand how it all works. I think it's a bit strange." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Nadal eliminated in Round 1

Rafael Nadal lost in the first round of a major for only the second time in his career, beaten in five sets by Fernando Verdasco at the Australian Open in a reversal of their epic, five-hour, 14-minute semifinal seven years ago.

On Tuesday, Fernando Verdasco rallied from a 2-1 deficit and recovered a break in the fifth set to claim a 7-6 (6), 4-6, 3-6, 7-6 (4), 6-2 win in four hours and 41 minutes.

There were two upsets on the women's side, with No. 2 Simona Halep and seven-time Grand Slam winner Venus Williams losing in the first round. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Scott keeps his all-star spot

John Scott's improbable road to the NHL all-star game took another twist Tuesday, with the league confirming he will keep his elected role as Pacific Division captain despite a trade and a demotion.

The journeyman tough guy was chosen to lead the Pacific team at the showcase tournament by a fan vote, but last week he was traded out of the division as part of a deal between Arizona and Montreal. The Habs assigned him to the American Hockey League's St. John's IceCaps, making his eligibility for the all-star festivities on Jan. 30-31 in Nashville unclear. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tuesday night's win was the Leafs' 17th of the season, which ties them for a league low with Columbus. PATRICK SMITH/GETTY IMAGES

Hunwick puts hurt on Flyers faithful

NHL

Blueliner's goal in final seconds secures win for Maple Leafs

TUESDAY **In Philly**

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LEAFS	FLYERS

Matt Hunwick's slapper with 7.5 seconds left lifted the Toronto Maple Leafs to a 3-2 win over the Philadelphia Flyers on Tuesday night.

Hunwick's first goal of the season snapped Toronto's five-game losing streak.

Joffrey Lupul and Roman Polak also scored for the Maple Leafs.

Matt Read and Shayne Gostisbehere scored for the Flyers, who lost for just the second time in seven games and failed to crack the Eastern Conference playoff standings.

James Reimer stopped 31 shots for Toronto.

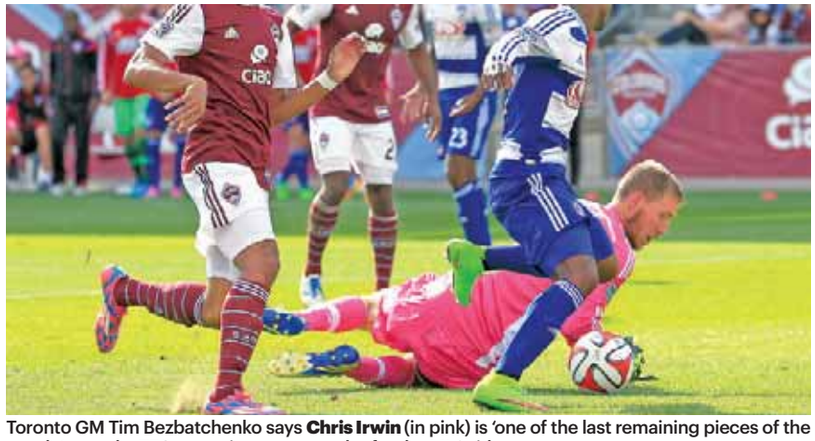
The Flyers had won five of six entering Tuesday to thrust themselves into the playoff picture. Based on results from other games, the Flyers had a chance to sit in eighth place in the East. Philadelphia instead left two huge points on the ice and trudged to the locker room to boos from the crowd.

The Maple Leafs entered with the fewest wins in the NHL and had a punchless offence over their recent losing skid. They led 2-1 until Gostisbehere came through for the Flyers late in the third. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TFC sign Irwin to plug leaks

MLS

Rapids goalie thankful for humble career start in Ottawa



Toronto GM Tim Bezbatchenko says **Chris Irwin** (in pink) is 'one of the last remaining pieces of the puzzle' to make TFC a consistent contender for the MLS title. DOUG PENSINGER/GETTY IMAGES

Last time Clint Irwin played for a Canadian soccer team, he was making $500 a month and living in a four-bedroom, one-bathroom house with eight others. It was 2011 and the Charlotte native was goalkeeper for Capital City FC, a now-defunct Ottawa team that had one year in the Canadian Soccer League.

"Clint was fantastic for us," recalled team owner Neil Malhotra. "He's a very bright intellectual ... He was great. He was part of our leadership group from the start. He had an excellent season for us."

"He's gotten pretty far in his career since those days," he added. An MLS all-star, the 26-year-old Irwin joined Toronto FC on Monday in a trade from the Colorado Rapids. He says he will always be thankful to Ottawa and the CSL for giving him a shot.

"Without them I probably wouldn't be here," he told a conference call Tuesday. "My career would be over. I didn't have any other place to play.

"You've got to be thankful for those opportunities. There's definitely some tough times, as there are in all minor-league sports." Irwin landed in Ottawa after a stellar collegiate career at Elon and a number of failed pro tryouts. He went on to play for the USL Charlotte Eagles before landing in Colorado in early 2013.

"There's a lot of things that you learn just in terms of perseverance and hard work and really just trying to keep the faith," Irwin said of his time in Ottawa.

"And then a couple of years later, you're playing in front of 40,000 people in Seattle and it's a little surreal at the time," he added. Irwin said he had no advance warning of the trade, other than watching Colorado position itself for a big roster move.

Toronto sent two draft picks — a second-rounder in 2016 and conditional first-rounder in 2017 — to Colorado for Irwin, along with targeted allocation money that could help fund such a marquee signing.

GM Tim Bezbatchenko called Irwin's acquisition "one of the last remaining pieces of the puzzle to take our club from being just an MLS playoff-qualifying club to a consistent contender." Irwin, who made US$97,000 last season in Colorado, said he's up to the challenge.

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> New TFC goalie Chris Irwin on playing for Capital City FC

"Toronto's a great city and a place where the fans are really passionate about their team and with that comes high expectations."

When training camp starts Monday, Irwin will see some familiar faces. Former Colorado captain Drew Moor, a defender, joined Toronto as a free agent last month. Toronto opted not to pick up options on Chris Konopka and Joe Bendik, who split the starting goalie job last season.

Toronto, along with Chicago and New York City FC, gave up a league-high 58 goals last season.

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SOCCER IN BRIEF

Canucks James and Heard chosen in MLS SuperDraft

Canadian midfielders Ryan James and Josh Heard were chosen by Sporting Kansas City and the Vancouver Whitecaps, respectively, as the MLS SuperDraft concluded Tuesday.

James, a 21-year-old from Mississauga who played at Bowling Green, was taken in the third round (52nd overall) while Heard, a 21-year-old who played for the Washington Huskies, went in the fourth round (71st overall).

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Villa into FA Cup 4th round

Aston Villa avoided FA Cup embarrassment in this miserable season by beating fourth-tier Wycombe at the second attempt, winning 2-0 on Tuesday to reach the fourth round.

But Villa took 75 minutes to find a breakthrough against a team from England's lowest professional league, with Ciaran Clark heading the Premier League's bottom side in front. Idrissa Gana netted his first goal for the club late on. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Yurkiw bringing the indie scene to slopes

SKIING

Ontarian finds success racing separate from Alpine Canada

Larisa Yurkiw is the first Canadian woman to win multiple World Cup ski medals in a single season since in 2009-10. CHRISTOPHE PALLOT/AGENCE ZOOM/GETTY IMAGES

Larisa Yurkiw's instincts are steering her onto the World Cup downhill podium.

The 27-year-old skier from Owen Sound, Ont., is coming off back-to-back medals.

A silver in Altenmarkt, Austria, and bronze in Val-d'Isere, France, make Yurkiw the first Canadian woman to win multiple World Cup ski medals in a single season since Emily Brydon in 2009-10.

Yurkiw wants to make it three in a row Saturday in Cortina, Italy, where she won silver a year ago for her first career podium finish.

"I like a little bit of pressure that I can feel is in Cortina," Yurkiw said. "It's magical to be on the podium. A lot has to go right."

Yurkiw manages her own career and pays for her ski racing outside of the umbrella of Alpine Canada.

When she was cut from the women's ski team prior to the 2013-14 season, Yurkiw found sponsors, hired a coach and achieved the qualifying results she needed to race for Canada at the 2014 Sochi Olympics.

Yurkiw has since been invited to rejoin the national team. She's chosen to remain independent because she's had the best results of her career operating as Team Larisa.

She is the only Canadian woman racing World Cup downhills full-time this season. Yurkiw isn't convinced Alpine Canada has a women's speed program that can do better than the environment she's created for herself.

The organization has a stronger women's technical program focused on slalom skiers.

Coming up with roughly $240,000 annually to pay Yurkiw's coach, medical support team, training and travel costs is stressful and time-consuming. Yurkiw said she was 30 per cent short of her budget for the season at December's season-opener in Lake Louise, Alta.

Winning medals helped as sponsors stepped up their contributions. Yurkiw also picked up almost $40,000 in prize money for her two podium results.

"It has changed the remainder of the season," Yurkiw said. "I wasn't panicking, but I needed the math to work. People need to get paid."

"The sooner I could put that out of my mind, the better."

Yurkiw mitigates the loneliness of operating as a team of one by travelling and training with the Swedes, Norwegians and Germans. Sweden's Kaisa Kling is her roommate on the road.

"I have good friends around me for teammates, I have a great coach that has no ego and treats me like a human no matter what the result," Yurkiw said. "That goes a long way for me."

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> Larisa Yurkiw

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4th

Yurkiw heads is ranked fourth overall in the women's World Cup downhill standings behind leader Lindsey Vonn of the U.S., Cornelia Huetter of Austria and Fabienne Suter of Switzerland.

MLB

Sanchez wants spot on Jays' rotation

Blue Jays pitchers Aaron Sanchez and Marcus Stroman are using the mantra "Nine Every Five" to help push them through their workouts together this off-season.

The big question now is whether Sanchez will get the opportunity to pitch nine innings every five days like his teammate.

Team brass has yet to announce whether Sanchez will be moved out of the bullpen after a successful stint as a setup man last season. Sanchez said Tuesday that he'd like another opportunity to start and Stroman completely agreed.

Aaron Sanchez GETTY IMAGES

"Starter, 100 per cent. Everything we've done this year was for that," Stroman said. "We didn't work out twice a day for two months for him to be a reliever. He's 100 per cent ready to go out there and go seven, eight, nine innings every five days."

Sanchez was starting to find his form as a starter last season before a strained back muscle sent him to the disabled list. When he returned, he was used out of the bullpen and became a reliable setup man for closer Roberto Osuna over the second half.

The Toronto rotation will have a different look this season after the departures of Mark Buehrle and ace David Price. Stroman, Marco Estrada and R.A. Dickey are back, Jesse Chavez was acquired in the off-season, J.A. Happ signed for a second stint in Toronto and Drew Hutchison could also be in the mix.

The team's pitching plans will come into focus next month when spring training begins in Dunedin, Fla.

"My goal is to be a starter in the big leagues and that's what I'm here to do," Sanchez said. "If they say that I need to go to the pen, I have no control over that. I'll go down there and I'll be the best seventh, eighth, ninth-inning guy that this team needs me to be to win ball games."

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2015 STATS

Sanchez had a 7-6 record and 3.22 earned-run average to go with 61 strikeouts and 44 walks.

IN BRIEF

Darvish denies being involved with gambling ring

Texas Rangers pitcher Yu Darvish says he has never been involved in gambling activities amid a Major League Baseball investigation after the arrest of his younger brother in Japan.

Darvish declined comment, but says he is certain they will find he had no involvement.

Sho Darvish was reportedly charged last October in Japan with running an illegal gambling ring that allegedly took about 1,850 bets on MLB games.

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COC fires 3 senior members in wake of critical report

The Canadian Olympic Committee has dismissed two executives and a manager days after the release of a critical report on how the organization handled allegations of sexual harassment by its former president.

Two sources confirmed Tuesday that chief sport officer Caroline Assalian, executive director of operations Judy Crute and human resources manager Robert Cousin are no longer with the organization.

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- freshly chopped basil
- 1/4 cup fresh shaved Parmesan cheese
- 1 cup marinara sauce

Directions
1. In a large bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt and garlic powder. Add the milk; stir until blended.
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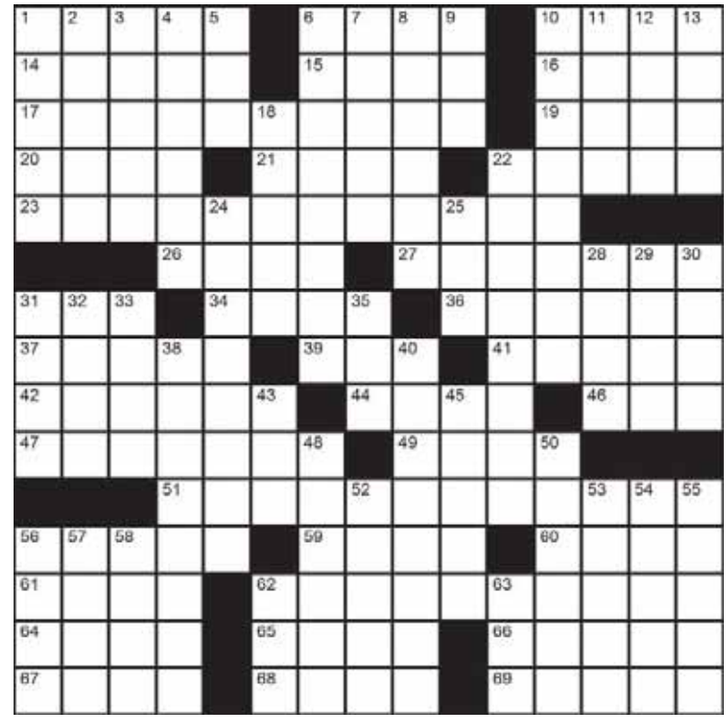

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6. __-Carotene
10. __-Cola
14. Denial to a Drill Sergeant: 2 wds.
15. Bert of "The Wizard of Oz" (1939)
16. Charge card, e.g.
17. Do this via eight glasses a day we're often told: 2 wds.
19. Tarry
20. "Makes sense.": 2 wds.
21. George Gershwin's 'Blue' musical work, briefly
22. Room service place
23. Where 'there is a town' in #24-Down: 2 wds.
26. Abominable snowman
27. TV host's directive to the standing audience: 2 wds.
31. Wilt
34. Monetary units in Albania
36. Jazz singer Ms. Holiday
37. Take _ __ of faith
39. Director Mr. Mendes
41. Some shipbuilding woods
42. Helps
44. Ancient Rome: He who declared "Carthage must be destroyed."
46. In shape
47. Beer containers
49. Nautical hook
51. Events for getting tarot and palm readings: 2 wds.
56. Chills
59. Track event
60. Virginia willow
61. Italian harp
62. I'm Sorry! Canadians are known for their what?
64. Perceived
65. Sea lettuce
66. Bruce Cockburn's "If _ __ Falls"
67. Musical quality
68. Country star Mr. Campbell
69. Quiet attention-getters

DOWN
1. "There's just no _ sight!": 2 wds.
2. Rome's famous street, Via del _
3. Wickerwork material
4. XC
5. Mork from __
6. Shoes like Carrie's on "Sex and the City", Manolo _
7. Wear away: 2 wds.
8. 'Adventure Territory' town in Manitoba: 2 wds.
9. LAX posting
10. The whole kit and _
11. Overlook
12. Formally give up
13. Figure skating jump
18. "Murder, She __"
22. Socially click with someone: 3 wds.
24. Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young song
25. Tease
28. Patron saint of Norway
29. Collaborative website name prefix
30. Branch 'building'
31. Swedish car
32. Inventor, Thomas _ Edison
33. Equipment
35. Cul-de-quoi?
38. 1980 Leslie Nielsen movie!
40. Illusionist
43. Fox's adjective
45. Be silent, to a musician
48. Monk's manuscript
50. Dramatically falls to the floor
52. Bisect
53. Old Roman roads
54. Put back to zero
55. Mailing enclosures, commonly
56. Throw
57. Celebrated cookie
58. Receptive
62. Small dog
63. The Raven poet's monogram

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Group activities will become more important now that the Sun is moving in your favour. Join forces with like-minded people and see how far you can travel together. Find new ways to improve the world.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
The Sun's move into the career area of your chart will boost ambitions. Be realistic about what you can achieve, the fewer goals you have the more energy you can put into them.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
One of the most positive times of the year begins for you today. You'll be constantly busy the next few weeks, dealing with people and issues that inspire the best in you.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You may feel left out today but don't — you're the one sending subconscious signals that you want to be left alone. You have a lot to think about and you can't think in a crowd.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
The Sun moves into your opposite sign today, which means you'll have to take other people's needs and desires into consideration. Remember: when doing good things for others you benefit yourself as well.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You tend to avoid situations that are hard to control, but what happens today will force you to take part in a stressful activity. You'll find that you do well when the pressure is on.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Whatever crises you've had to deal with of late you can now forget all about them. A new set of cosmic influences will provide you with no end of opportunities to show the world that you are back to your best.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Put your needs on hold for a while and do what you can to help loved ones and relatives. The more you do for others now the more freedom you will have later in the year.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You will find it easier to make your own decisions and your first decision must be to distance yourself from someone who annoys you. Act as if they no longer exist.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Over the next few weeks you will have to work harder than ever. As a Capricorn you will never reach a point where you are satisfied with your lot.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
The Sun's move into your birth sign today makes this the ideal time to start new projects, but first you must give up on something that is not working. What you accomplish next will more than make up for it.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Pay attention to what your inner voice tells you. The more you think about what you are doing now the more enjoyable your life will be when the Sun enters your sign next month.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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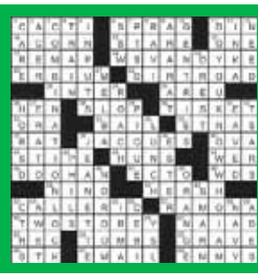

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